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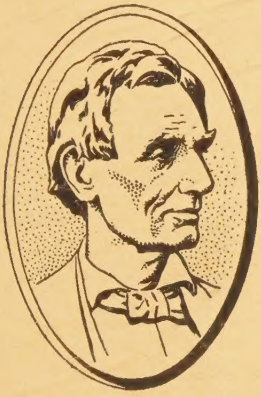
ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE



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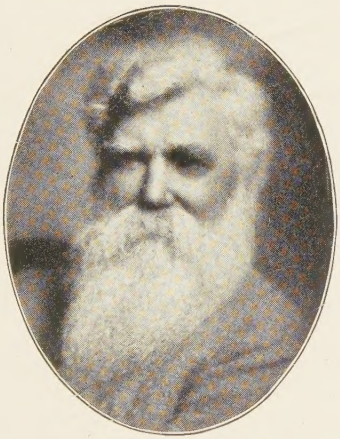
ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE

700 Oakwood Blvd., Chicago

This building is dedicated to public service honoring the name of Abraham Lincoln, Democrat

FORM OF BEQUEST

Item. I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the Abraham Lincon Centre, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois and having its principal office in the City of Chicago, in said state, the (here name amount of money or description of property to be given.)



Abraham Lincoln Centre, founded by Jenkin Lloyd Jones in 1905, has served the community and the civic life of Chicago for twenty-five years.

DIRECTORY FOR 1930

Board of Trustees

President: Salmon O. Levinson.....4049 Lake Park Avenue
Vice-President: Mrs. Irwin S. Rosenfels...333 Linden Avenue, Oak Park, Ill.
Secretary: William H. Holly.....100 West Monroe Street
Treasurer: Mrs. Francis Neilson.....4800 Drexel Boulevard
Superintendent and Assistant Treasurer:
Mrs. Jenkin Lloyd Jones.....700 Oakwood Boulevard
Dean: Curtis W. Reese.....700 Oakwood Boulevard

Mrs. Salmon O. Levinson
Mrs. E. L. Lobdell
Mrs. Charles E. Nagely
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Mrs. Ida S. Randall
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Miss Matilda C. Schaff
Mrs. Elbert E. Smith

Corporate Members

Miss Allie M. Anderson
Mrs. F. M. Blanchard
Mrs. Alice Brinkman
Miss Florence Brinkman
Mrs. Lawrence Cole
Mrs. George E. Cook
Mrs. Barnard L. Davidson
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Dr. Walter Hoffmann
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Miss Florence Holbrook
Mr. William H. Holly
Mr. W. D. James
Mr. Frank Jerome
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Dr. Curtis W. Reese
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Mr. Paul Rosenfels
Mr. Walter Rosenfels
Mr. Julius Rosenwald
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Dr. Mary G. Schroeder
Mrs. Elbert E. Smith
Mrs. Meda Z. Steele
Dr. Louis Thexton
Mrs. Louis Thexton

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF CORPORATE MEMBERS ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE

January 9, 1930

Pursuant to notice duly sent out the regular annual meeting of the Corporate Members was held at the Centre, 4:30 p. m., Thursday, January 9, 1930.

In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, Mrs. E. L. Lobdell was elected chairman pro tem.

The minutes of the annual meeting of January 11, 1929, were read and approved.

Upon nomination in writing by the Board of Trustees Mr. William H. Holly was elected to Corporate Membership.

Upon nomination duly made it was voted to elect the following as members of the Board of Trustees for the year 1930:

William H. Holly
Mrs. Jenkin Lloyd Jones
Salmon O. Levinson
Mrs. Salmon O. Levinson
Mrs. E. L. Lobdell
Mrs. Charles E. Nagely
Francis Neilson
Mrs. Francis Neilson
Mrs. Ida S. Randall
Curtis W. Reese
Irwin S. Rosenfels
Mrs. Irwin S. Rosenfels
Miss Matilda C. Schaff
Mrs. Elbert E. Smith

It was voted to approve the following committee appointments:

Executive Committee: S. O. Levinson, C. W. Reese, W. H. Holly.

Finance Committee: Mrs. Francis Neilson, Irwin S. Rosenfels, Mrs. E. L. Lobdell, Mrs. F. M. Blanchard, Mrs. Jenkin Lloyd Jones.

House Committee: Mrs. S. O. Levinson, Mrs. C. W. Reese, Mrs. Charles E. Nagely, Mrs. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Mrs. Francis Neilson.

Department of Adult Education: Mrs. Irwin S. Rosenfels, Mrs. Bernard Davidson, Mrs. E. E. Smith.

Department of Religious Education: Mrs. Ida S. Randall, Mrs. Irene W. Healey. Other members to be named later.

Department of Dramatics and Pageantry: Payson S. Wild, Ogden Livermore.

Department of Arts and Crafts: Mrs. M. L. Purvin. Other members to be named later.

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC: Mrs. Meda Z. Steele, Miss Florence Brinkman, Mrs. George E. Cook, Mrs. Walter Hoffmann.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:

Boys' Division: Committee to be named later.

Girls' Division: Mrs. S. O. Levinson, Dr. Mary G. Schroeder. Other members to be named later.

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS: Members to be named later.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE: Miss Matilda C. Schaff, Miss Allie M. Anderson. Other members to be named later.

It was voted to send greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Neilson, and Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Levinson, members of the Board who were absent from the city.

Adjournment.

C. W. REESE,
Secretary pro tem.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE

January 9, 1930

The regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Centre at 5 p. m., Thursday, January 9, 1930. Present: Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Nagely, Mrs. Lobdell, Mrs. Randall, and Mr. Reese.

In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, Mrs. E. L. Lobdell was elected chairman pro tem.

The minutes of the Board for June 6 and November 7, 1929, were read and approved.

On motion duly carried the following officers were elected:

President: S. O. Levinson
Vice-President: Mrs. Irwin S. Rosenfels
Secretary: W. H. Holly
Treasurer: Mrs. Francis Neilson
Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Jenkin Lloyd Jones

It was voted to reinstate such of the following as have failed to attend two successive annual meetings of the Corporation, and to record this as the current list of the members of the Corporate Body:

Miss Allie M. Anderson
Mrs. F. M. Blanchard
Mrs. Alice Brinkman
Miss Florence Brinkman
Mrs. George E. Cook
Mrs. J. N. Eisendrath
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Mrs. Meda Z. Steele

Adjournment.

C. W. Reese,
Secretary pro tem.

ANNUAL REPORTS

I. Treasurer's Report of the Endowment Fund of Abraham Lincoln Centre—For Year Ending January 15, 1930

MRS. HELEN SWIFT NEILSON

The Endowment Fund started the year with a balance of $210,023.59, which was increased during the year by a cash contribution by Mrs. Francis Neilson under her pledge of $10,185.66, bringing the total to $220,209.25. There are additional funds collected by Mrs. Jones and deposited in the Drexel State Bank, and also proportionate amount from Mrs. Neilson under her pledge, total amounting to over $3,000.00, which has not been considered in this statement.

The make up of the endowment is as follows:

CASH	$ 2,499.25
BONDS	16,180.00
MORTGAGES	195,750.00
VARIOUS NON-INTEREST BEARING SECURITIES OF DOUBTFUL VALUE	5,780.00

The total income for the year has been $12,752.22, out of which there has been paid $199.44 accrued interest on new investments purchased, leaving the net income for the year $12,552.78, against a net income in the preceding year of $12,081.04, a gain of $481.74.

Detailed statement of securities held and details of income received thereon is attached hereto.

There is some little difficulty at the present time in selecting suitable investments for this endowment fund. It is the belief of the Treasurer that these funds should be invested solely in securities eligible for trust funds under the laws of the State of Illinois. Heretofore mortgages which were in this classification have been our main investment; the Treasurer has been at great pains to assure the selection of such mortgages as were sound, and which would be paid at maturity, and is firmly convinced that all the mortgages at present in our endowment fund are all good loans, and will be paid at their maturity.

Owing, however, to the very uncertain real estate market, and the uncertainty as to what may transpire in the next few years, it is doubtful if it would be good policy to continue investing in mortgages, which will mature in four or five years from now, so an effort is being made to obtain good bonds, which are legal, and which will yield somewhere in the neighborhood of what we receive on mortgages.

The Treasurer is using her best judgment in the selection of investments for this fund, and if it is necessary to safeguard any investments by considering a lower yield, it may be advisable to do so.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE ENDOWMENT FUND—1929

	Cash—Drexel State Bank	$ 141.14
	Cash—Mid City Trust & Savings Bank	708.11
	Cash—Helen Swift Neilson	1,650.00
PAR	BONDS	
$ 2000.	Chgo. Railway Co. 5% Bonds past due—part paid	1,800.00
$ 2000.	Evergreen Terrace Apt. Bonds 6% due Sept. 1, 1931	2,000.00
$ 1200.	Ill. Masonic Hospital Bonds 6% Bonds due Aug. 20, 1932.	1,200.00
$10,000.	Metropolitan West Side Elev. R.R. 4% due July 1, 1938	8,180.00
$ 1000.	Washington Apartments 6% Bonds due June 15, 1930	1,000.00
$ 1000.	Washington Apartments 6% Bonds due Dec. 15, 1930	1,000.00
$ 1000.	Washington Apartments 6% Bonds due June 15, 1931	1,000.00
	MORTGAGES	
	Paul Angelo 6% Due 4/25/32	1,000.00
	1007 South Hamilton Ave.	
	Anna Bartak 6% Due 5/10/30	250.00
	Anna Bartak Due 5/10/31	250.00
	Anna Bartak Due 5/10/32	250.00
	Anna Bartak Due 5/10/33	1,750.00
	4010 W. 16th St.	
	Abraham Brown 6% Due 3/15/34	4,500.00
	3251 W. Polk St.	
	Ethel Buyer 6% Due 1/20/32	8,000.00
	Due 1/20/31	500.00
	Ethel Buyer—1047 Harding Ave.	
	H. Cushman 6% Due 3/15/30	250.00
	H. Cushman Due 3/15/31	250.00
	H. Cushman Due 3/15/32	6,500.00
	3314 Lexington St.	
	S. Davidson 6% Due 1/19/31	15,000.00
	3226 Potomac Ave.	
	Doheny 6% Due 11/17/33	2,500.00
	3943 W. 60th St.	
	Clement De Vito 6% Due 3/15/31	1,500.00
	1500 W. Polk St.	
	Adolph Fagan 6% Due 10/25/30	500.00
	Due 10/25/31	9,000.00
	4114 North Kedzie Ave.	
	Caroline Finerson 6% Due 3/20/34	3,000.00
	7133 Eggleston Ave.	
	Joseph Friedman 6% Due 4/27/31	7,000.00
	1804 S. Hardin Ave.	
	Rocco Galliozzi 6% Due 1/15/34	7,500.00
	1416 West Taylor St.	
	Gelsomino or Goldstein 6% Due 9/7/32	6,000.00
	830 S. Hermitage Ave.	
	Joseph Gramer 6% Due 2/1/32	11,000.00
	1032-34 Roosevelt Rd.	
	Benjamin Greenstein 6% Due 1/9/32	500.00
	Benjamin Greenstein 6% Due 1/9/33	5,000.00
	3009 Lexington St.	
	Hans Keyser 6% Due 3/21/32	5,000.00
	927 S. Ferdinand St., Forest Pk. Ill.	
	Thomas Kennedy 6% Due 11/27/33	3,000.00
	921-23 So. Cicero Ave.	

A. Lanoue 6%	Due 4/4/32	2,000.00
Midlothian		
A. Lanoue 6%	Due 8/10/31	1,800.00
Lombard		
Abraham Markham 6%	Due 4/13/32	5,000.00
1320 S. Springfield Ave.		
Otto Matsen 6%	Due 3/4/30	2,750.00
7244 S. Maplewood Ave.		
S. Michelson 6%	Due 5/2/32	40,000.00
4233-43 Indiana Ave.		
Chas. Nehls 6%	Due 9/10/30	12,200.00
3026 Belmont Ave.		
Isadore Reifman 6%	Due 4/6/30	500.00
Isadore Reifman	Due 4/6/31	1,000.00
Isadore Reifman	Due 4/6/32	13,500.00
1457 S. Springfield Ave.		
William Uher 6%	Due 9/10/30	4,000.00
2428 S. 56th Ct., Cicero		
Morris Toclin 6%	Due 7/14/34	7,000.00
1407 W. 14th St.		
M. Toglovsky 6%	Due 3/15/32	6,000.00
1325 S. Avers Ave.		

Par.	Non-Interest Bearing and Doubtful Value.	
$5000.	Day & Hansen Bonds—Due 8/1/23	2,000.00
$1000.	Day & Hansen Bonds—Due 12/1/24	550.00
$2000.	Sumner Sollitt 5% Note due 7/1/15	2,000.00
$1200.	J. M. Woodland—10% mortgage due 5/1/21	1,200.00
4 Sh.	Western Stoneware Co. 6%—second preferred	30.00
		$220,209.25

Abraham Lincoln Centre—Income 1929

Bonds	Accrued Paid	Interest Received
Carlotta Bldg.		$ 15.00
Chicago Railway Co.		100.00
Evergreen Terrace		120.00
Illinois Masonic Hospital	$ 14.17	57.00
Metropolitan W. S. Elev.		400.00
Washington Apartments		180.00
Mortgages		
Interest in savings account		20.22
Angelo		60.00
Bartak		150.00
Brown		270.00
Buyer		510.00
Carrington		47.50
Cushman		420.00
Davidson		900.00
Day & Hansen		
Doheny		150.00

De Vito	16.08	90.00
Fagen		570.00
Fiverson		90.00
Fox		180.00
Friedman		420.00
Galuzzi	58.75	450.00
Goldstein		360.00
Gramer		660.00
Greenstein		330.00
Keyser		300.00
Kennedy	51.00	180.00
Lanoue		228.00
Markham		300.00
Mattsen		172.50
Michaelson		2,400.00
Nehls	16.27	366.00
Price		27.00
Reifman		915.00
Summer Sollitt		
Starr & Aries		390.00
Uher		240.00
Vandevort		114.00
Woodland		
Toclin	43.17	210.00
Toglovsky		360.00
	$199.44	$12,752.22

The accounts of Abraham Lincoln Centre are audited annually by Martin-Johnson & Company and the United States Audit Company.

II. Superintendent and Assistant Treasurer

MRS. JENKIN LLOYD JONES

Mr. President and Friends:

I will report as briefly as possible on the reportable things which have made up the year's work.

First, as *superintendent* of the building. Lincoln Centre has tried to present a clean front to the neighborhood. This has become more and more difficult, for on Oakwood Boulevard the South Park Commissioners have almost entirely abandoned any effort to keep grass and grounds in order. Inside the building, due to the continuous efforts of our help and the annual donation of soap and cleaning supplies from the Swift Company, the avalanche of dirt is removed each day as far as possible, and we have been able to carry on the work in comparatively clean and orderly surroundings. Such repairs as it was possible to make have been attended to. But when a building is twenty-five years old it makes many demands, and it is no small task to keep up to its requirements. The most important thing still undone is the job of pointing the bricks of the building which in many places are loosened considerably, and repairing the concrete outside. A few trees planted on Langley Avenue would be a contribution of beauty to both the Centre and the neighborhood.

I don't just know what my next title is or if I have one, for this part of the work, but I have been responsible for the three meals a day for the residents' table. I refuse to total the number for they have an ugly trick of pursuing one through the small hours, and this evening I mean to be carefree and happy. I have also had charge of the Friday Forum luncheons; five dinners in connection with the Herskovits lectures, and the annual dinners. Many of you say very kind things to me about the meals and the condition of the building, but I am only entitled to a small part of the credit for whatever is excellent in either. So tonight, I want to be honest and tell you something of the people to whom we are all so much indebted, and of whom I seldom have an opportunity to speak.

Twenty-five years ago, D. G. Gilmore began to do our cleaning and decorating—a fortunate day for Lincoln Centre! His son Fred was his principal assistant. When this good friend of Mr. Jones and Lincoln Centre, skillful workman and honored gentleman died, his son continued the work in just the same spirit. I have been helped by him more than I can say. He has gone over the building periodically. When repairs were necessary he told me just what should be done, and found the right man to do the work at the least possible cost. We have to thank him for that efficient and honest plumber, Mr. Fullmer, who made the basement waterproof; Mr. Kehm who

repaired the worn-out heating plant; and Mr. Callahan whose ingenuity made a cold room warm by the simple substitution of a larger pipe. Mr. Harkness our carpenter, though a friend of only the last few years, has given invaluable service in his honest, skillful way, a worthy successor to Charles Fowler of the early days that probably no one here tonight but myself ever knew.

To come a little closer to the home circle. Mrs. Weinman our housekeeper whose other name is integrity and faithfulness. For thirteen years she has guarded the possessions of Lincoln Centre, and greeted the hardest task with a smile. Johnson, elevator man, janitor, engineer, and all-round handy man who for ten years has filled these different offices most efficiently. You can always depend upon Johnson. John our courteous elevator man, and Etta the residents' cook whose baked ham you have eaten tonight, and who for nine years has *cooked* the three meals a day that I just *talk* of. I often think with gratitude of the large factor these people have been in the well-being of Lincoln Centre, and the contribution their faithful work has made to the comfort of everyone.

Of course I cannot speak the many names which come crowding to my mind and fill my heart tonight. But there are two to whom Lincoln Centre is much indebted for helping to hold the institution to its high standards during the troubled years after Mr. Jones left us. May Johnson, secretary and assistant treasurer of Unity, a good financier, as anyone connected with a religious weekly would need to be, and almost everything else that a paper can possibly need. She can usually be found in Unity office from 9 to 6, and at all times and places wherever a helping hand or a cheery word is needed. Mrs. Ayres, the connecting link between the needs of the community and all the available remedial agencies. When these fail she finds some other way to help. The best known city-wide worker that Lincoln Centre has ever had. Director and mother of the Camp, trusted by the parents, loved by the children. No task is too lowly, no aim too high to enlist the service of her fine spirit. Lincoln Centre, Oakland and many other places are indeed her debtors.

One other name I cannot forget when I think of helpfulness. Bess Hulan who came to do the office work five years ago just a slip of a girl now grown into such efficiency that in her hands we can count on any work being well and faithfully done. She has just completed a list of 5000 names compiled from various lists sent in by Mrs. Neilson and others to whom we will send our Lincoln Birthday letter and appeal. Each name has been compared, so there are no duplications. Addresses verified by telephone book or directory. The envelopes are addressed and ready to mail early in February. This is no small accomplishment in addition to all the daily work of the office.

As *assistant treasurer* I have had great experience in stretching a dollar to its fullest capacity. But this to me has been a very interesting task. Mr. Jones believed that every dollar had its origin somewhere in honest toil. His viewpoint appealed to me, for when you feel like this it quickens the imagination and a dollar takes on new significance. This year the task of financing the Centre, owing to Mrs. Neilson's gift and the generosity of those who responded to her call for an added Endowment Fund, has been easier. We have paid $500.00 on our note to the Drexel State Bank. All bills are paid and we have a balance on hand of $2,484.16 to begin the year with. The entire cost of running the Centre for 1929 amounted to $23,116.22. We have received from:

Rentals	$ 1,084.75
Interest on Endowment	12,859.16
Subscriptions	10,946.23
Clubs and Classes	480.55

My reports are ended. But for a moment I want to join in the chorus of welcome to Curtis Reese who brings such a record of achievement on other lines to the work he is now beginning at Lincoln Centre. Into his hands is passing a trust—an intangible Endowment —the sum of the ideals, hopes, struggles, failures and successes of a quarter of a century. A solemn trust indeed when you consider not only the life work of its great founder but the lives, means, and work of many men and women lured by the same ideal who have matched his devotion with their own.

Mr. Reese, I know how Mr. Jones would welcome you tonight to what he would call this hard but high task, and he would pray that vision and strength might be given you to carry it on in the many tomorrows which he believed would constantly grow better.

III. Annual Message of Dean Curtis W. Reese

In delivering my first annual message as Dean of Abraham Lincoln Centre I do so with a deep sense of appreciation of the Centre's traditions and achievements, ideals and programs. Indeed my first contacts with the liberal fellowship in 1913 brought from my predecessor in the Western Unitarian Conference secretaryship the suggestion that I might be the proper person to propose as associate with Jenkin Lloyd Jones at Lincoln Centre, Chicago, in response to an inquiry that had recently been made for such person; but before I had an opportunity to get in touch with Dr. Jones, word came that the Trustees of All Souls had not found it feasible at that time to add another member to the staff.

I then went to Alton, Illinois, and next to Des Moines, Iowa, and then ten years ago to the secretaryship of the Western Confer-

ence, the position from which Dr. Jones himself came to All Souls. (It is amusing to note that in Des Moines we moved to Lincoln Court, then to Lincoln Place. Upon coming to Chicago we moved to Lincoln Avenue near Lincoln Park, and then to Lincoln Centre.)

Now after all these years I begin where I wanted to begin sixteen years ago, namely, as an associate of Dr. Jones at Abraham Lincoln Centre; for while the prophet founder of this institution is no longer here in person, his spirit permeates the place and in a real sense we are associates with him.

Abraham Lincoln Centre was founded in 1905 as an experiment in democratic fellowship and service. One of the most active laymen in its founding was the late William Kent. This was the same man who later as Congressman Kent said that although he possessed lands in Mexico he was unwilling to send either his boys or the boys of anybody else down to Mexico to protect his material possessions. That pacific international spirit has remained and will remain with the Centre. The pulpit of this place was once draped with the stars and stripes surrounded by the white border of peace. The founder of Lincoln Centre was chairman of the delegation on the ship of peace that sailed into the very seas of war with a message of brotherhood. A member of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Francis Neilson, wrote one of the most effective exposés of "How Diplomats Make War," and the President of the Board, Mr. S. O. Levinson, gave to the world the "Outlawry of War" which is both an ideal and a program making possible the fulfillment of the prophecy of another son of Israel, who said, "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks."

The ideals and the programs of the Centre are socially idealistic. The faith of the Centre is that *the things that should be, can be.* Inter-racial, inter-national, and inter-religious fellowship are regarded as basic, and freedom of speech and press and assembly have always been characteristic of this place. And whatever the cost, from these high ideals Lincoln Centre shall never descend.

It is not my aim to attempt a sudden revolution in the program of activities. For the remainder of this season work will proceed with much the same program as before, with only slight changes here and there. Meanwhile I shall complete my study not only of the Centre's program but the needs of the entire community and the kinds of city-wide service that can best be rendered.

But I do want to set before you in general outline my thoughts for the future, and this will involve to a certain extent an appraisal of work now being done as well as projects to be undertaken.

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In the first place, my ideal for Abraham Lincoln Centre is that it should be a well-balanced community centre, featuring an inter-

racial program. The whole world is rapidly becoming one community. Inter-racial, international, and inter-religious doings were never so general as now. To have here in Chicago a working example of what the entire world must sooner or later become, namely, a real fraternity of all souls, would be a genuine contribution to social well-being. Increasingly it is borne in upon me that most of the social service work of the dominant race in the various countries with the minority races is not even the shadow of what it should be. Most inter-racial programs are merely playing at the task. Segregation of races in social, educational, and religious doings is in my judgment an evil of the first rank, and as such should be eradicated as rapidly as feasible. If Jew and Gentile and all other races, black and white and all other colors, cannot get along together in the free fellowship of a free community centre then indeed is the outlook dark for the future of mankind.

The Board of Trustees has indicated its willingness to support a program featuring inter-racial activities. I, in turn, will exercise every proper caution to see that the activities planned are of basic importance, and that their execution is without sensational novelty other than that which naturally inheres in a thorough-going program of any sort.

A well-balanced community centre featuring an inter-racial program should involve at least the following departments:

(1) Department of Adult Education. In the past it has been too often assumed everywhere that an institution such as this exists only for work with children. Recently attention has been centered on the education of adults also. Educators now recognize that students should live normally while studying intensively, and that adults should study normally while living intensively. Knowledge grows and problems change. So the educational process is a life process.

Abraham Lincoln Centre will maintain a department specializing in adult education, that is, in the free inquiry by grown-up people into all aspects of life, under the leadership of competent experts. Several adult features now carried on point the way to a more extensive adult program. The Tuesday evening class, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Davidson, had a most fruitful course by Professor Burtt of the University of Chicago on "Science and Religion." These subjects, both of which come close home to everyone of us, were discussed in a free and undogmatic and yet basic manner, and questions by the class were unhampered by any loyalty prior to that of the truth. The Wednesday evening class in cooperation with the Chicago Council of Adult Education was a distinct success. The lectures by Professor Herskovits of Northwestern University on "The American Negro" were attended by an inter-

racial group and were preceded by fellowship suppers. This was a real illustration of what is possible in the way of an inter-racial program. It is hoped that this experiment may be the beginning of other similar cooperative studies. The Friday Morning Forum, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Rosenfels, is well-known for its intimate discussion of the most controversial subjects. Speakers as well as members of the Forum have noted the unique nature of the Friday morning meetings. This group has now come to hold substantially the place in the life of the Centre that formerly belonged to the Tuesday Morning Class. The educational features of the Mothers' Clubs which operate under the direction of Mrs. Ayres also belong under the head of adult education. These adult features of our program must be extended and developed and the number of such classes increased. A by-product of this department will be the building up of the life of the Centre itself by discovering and enlisting persons of the Lincoln Centre mind who at present have no other primary institutional spiritual loyalty.

(2) A well-balanced centre should include a department of religious education, or as such departments are now frequently called, character education. In the early days of the Centre the Sunday School as it was then almost universally called, had for that day a rather advanced curriculum, featuring especially an understanding of the ethnic religions. But in recent years this department has not operated. Beginning in October such a department will be renewed under the direction of Mrs. Raymond B. Bragg, who was formerly a member of the Lincoln Centre staff and who has had such striking success in building a similar department for All Souls Church of Evanston. The curriculum will be thoroughly humanistic. It will function on the theory that all valid knowledge is religious knowledge, that all effective technique is religious method, that all worthful human interests are religious interests. This department will aim to include the ethical and social and spiritual work with children and young people which is directed toward the development of personal character and social idealism. Of course there can be no sharp line of demarcation between the various activities; that is, it cannot be said that one activity is spiritual because it deals with the non-physical, nor that another is physical because it does not deal with the so-called spiritual; but in general this department will include the work ordinarily classed as either religious or character education. It will include Sunday classes, the equivalent of a Sunday school, but it will not be confined to Sunday. Such hours and days as may be found suitable for various groups will be used. Increasingly it is found that the brief Sunday half-hour is inadequate for a thorough-going program of religious education. Another feature of this department will be the Sunday evening young peoples' group for discussion and social fellowship. One of our weak points, and indeed

one of the vulnerable points in church life generally, has been in not holding the interest of the young people. They must be given an opportunity to live joyously, even hilariously, in a spiritual atmosphere. Young people are going to meet somewhere under some circumstances. We should here develop a sort of Sunday evening open house for young people. A greater service could hardly be rendered to a community like ours than that of affording a wholesome environment where young people can come together for discussion, for fellowship, perhaps sometimes even for the forming of life-long affections.

(3) Department of Dramatics and Pageantry. Seeing some two years ago that we were serving children and adults in fairly large numbers but not holding the young people, we organized the department of dramatics, and from the very first this department has been a major interest of the Centre. The work has been of first rank and the dramatic group has regarded its work as of serious importance. Thus far we have not had a sufficient staff to allow for the department of pageantry, but with the increasing importance that is being attached to pageantry in the schools that specialize in religious education we cannot afford much longer to neglect this way of religious and ethical development. The ethical societies, as well as many modern churches, have found in dramatics and pageantry effective ways to stimulate interest in ethical idealism. The Christmas program of the First Unitarian Church of Chicago featured the signing of the Peace Pact, and in my opinion this was a great improvement on typical ecclesiastical Christmas celebrations. The wise men of today who actually organize the world for peace are more significant for us in this age than are the wise men who followed the stars in the days of long ago.

(4) Department of Arts and Crafts. One of the standard departments of most social centres is that of arts and crafts, under this or some other similar name. In this department for the time being we are classifying the work previously carried on under the name of Domestic Science. It is my desire to expand this department to include more than is ordinarily thought of in this connection. Hand work, cooking clubs, and related matters will not be under-rated; but I want this department to specialize also in developoping the appreciation of the fine arts. This can be accomplished best of all by actual contacts with works of art. To this end we shall try to arrange exhibits of paintings, sculpture and the like, and conduct tours, as we are now doing to a limited extent, under competent guides to the art centres in the city. By no means the least effective way to create an interest in cultural values on the part of children whose home and community situation is unattractive is to see that Lincoln Centre is made as attractive as physical and other conditions

will permit. To this end I invite the members and the friends of Lincoln Centre to study our needs with view to improving the equipment and furnishings of the Centre.

(5) Music. One of the chief departments here has always been that of music. The chief stress has been on piano, but voice also has received attention. A committee of competent musicians, members of the Centre, is to study this department with a view to enlarging it. We have, or can have a splendid arrangement for a considerably enhanced department of music. We have an organ, pianos, and can have suitable studio space; and in my judgment the department of music should be organized on an accredited basis that would rank the department along with the reputable schools of music in the city. And, besides, the building up of this department will greatly add to the total life of the Centre, for it is difficult to do anything of a spiritual character without the ministry of music.

(6) The organization of our recreational activities under a department known as such is a recent development, but it seems to me to be a promising arrangement. Under this department, at least for the time being comes the work now done by both boys and girls which does not necessarily belong under recreation as such but which does possess recreational features, such as scouting, dancing, clubs, parties, games, and the like. In fact practically all of the work of the Centre is of such general nature that no hard and fast lines of demarcation can be drawn. My thought, however, is that play as such is highly worthful. Some people seem to think that play should consciously aim to prepare for something else which gives value to the play. I think that play is its own justification. We in America have missed much of the thrill of living because we have looked with suspicion upon the gala aspects of life. Some of our European friends seem to me to get real joy from the relaxation and the exhilaration of their flower festivals and their general gala spirit. I want Lincoln Centre to make much of play and festivity and the joy of living.

(7) Athletics. Physical training and activities are valid parts of education. The old line of separation between the physical and the mental disciplines is fading out. Likewise that between liberal studies and the mastery of technique. Physical skill and rhythm react favorably on intellectual quests. Hence Lincoln Centre aims to provide a well-rounded training for the body as well as the spirit. The gymnasium, to my certain knowledge, since I live exactly under it, is used to full capacity. Indeed the dinner hour is now being used by new groups who could not otherwise be provided for.

(8) Under the name of social service we are correlating (1) personal counsel, other than that belonging naturally to the other

departments, (2) philanthropic activities, including cooperation with all available social agencies, and (3) the Clear Lake Camp. There is, of course, no other limit than that of sufficient staff to what can be done by personal counsel. By personal counsel I mean to include all that is valid in the Catholic confessional, the modern psychological and physiological clinics, and especially just good human interest and common sense. I want Lincoln Centre to be a place where both well and sick souls can come for intimate conference and sane counsel.

Nowadays no institution can live unto itself alone. The social service activities of a great city are multiple and complex. To advise with these agencies, to correlate our plans with theirs, and to cooperate in their activities will be one of the chief duties and privileges of the department of social service.

Those of you who have visited Clear Lake Camp know what a charming setting it is. The big trees, and the long water front, and the fascinating view from the hilltop, especially when the sun is setting, all combine to make Clear Lake Camp a suitable place for recreational and educational summer activities. So far as feasible we should put the camp on a self-supporting basis for all who are able to pay their way. Special funds could then be used for persons whose need is real. It is a mistake, however, to think of Clear Lake Camp as primarily a charity camp. It should become a recreational camp for all Lincoln Centre constituents of all stations in life.

So much for Lincoln Centre as a well-balanced community institution.

II.

Now much more briefly, Lincoln Centre as a thorough-going Humanist pulpit. A unique feature of the Centre as originally conceived was the policy of a spiritual message at the heart of a social centre. The pulpit of All Souls Church was thought of as essential to the effective functioning of the Centre. The pulpit did more than provide a stable constituency; it generated power for the entire program. I venture to say that the modern equivalent of the All Souls pulpit is an indispensable part of Lincoln Centre equipment. So believing, I shall at the earliest opportune time re-instate the pulpit feature. It will be thorough-going in its interest in human affairs, for that is the only kind of pulpit that I could administer. It will persuasively proclaim profound convictions on human values. It will strive to stir people to the fullest and freest thought and study on all human issues. It will aim to bring about concrete action in behalf of human goals.

With this in view, and in harmony with the old statement of the function of the minister of All Souls, the Board of the Centre has defined the Dean's duties to include "the exclusive control of

the pulpit." The prerequisite fundamental of spiritual progress is complete freedom of utterance for the minister in the pulpit, and complete freedom of judgment for the hearer in the pew. This policy has been won by many hard fought battles, some of them led by the founder of this institution, and the preservation of such freedom is a sacred trust.

III.

A final general classification of my conception of the work of this institution has to do with the far flung extension of the ideals for which we stand by means of printed matter in various forms, and especially through the columns of Unity. The Boards of Directors of the Centre and of Unity are inter locking. These two institutions are so inter related in origin, in function, and in outlook that in my judgment it is neither possible nor desirable to think of them otherwise than as one.

By tradition and policy Unity is a journal of free opinion. It is illuminating to note the careers of the men whose names appear on the first page of the first issue of the "Pamphlet Mission," which was the beginning of Unity. The first, Robert Collyer, then at Unity Church, Chicago, has become in liberal circles a symbol of spiritual nobility. He was undogmatic, magnificent in his toleration, and wide in horizon. The next is Jenkin Lloyd Jones whose career is too well known to this group to need extended comment from me. But let it be recorded here that he, more than anyone else, brought about the World's Parliament of Religions which marked an epoch in the history of religion. Next in order is William C. Gannett, writer of lyrical hymns, whose sermon "The Faith of Ethics and the Thought of God" is appraised along with the famous addresses of Channing, Emerson and Parker. Then comes Charles W. Wendte who has devoted his life to the wider fellowship. He has recently published a two volume work which is an authoritative record of the "Wider Fellowship." Then follows J. C. Learned who was minister of Unity Church, St. Louis, and a man of deep insight and wide scholarship. Next, J. T. Sunderland whose writings, particularly his "Origin and Nature of the Bible" and "The Spark in the Clod," have liberalized and mightily influenced clergymen of all faiths. His work "India in Bondage," recently suppressed in India and republished in America, is an authoritative volume on that turbulent country. Last is George Willis Cooke who more than most men of his generation saw the social origin and nature of religion, and who produced among other volumes a book of permanent worth on "The Social Evolution of Religion," which was recognized as a source in Well's "Outline of History."

These were all giants in their day. Obviously the present editors have their pattern cut on a large scale.

As we move along together I feel sure that you will sympathetically understand such differences as there may be between my ideas, convictions, and interests, and those of the sainted founder of this institution. It is my feeling that a true follower of a great leader is not necessarily one whose ideas, and convictions, and interests are identical with his, but rather one whose ideas, convictions, and interests are in harmony with those that the great leader would probably hold were he alive today.

Naturally the issues that confront us today are somewhat different from those met by the founder of Lincoln Centre and Unity. Then the non-theistic pew was an issue; now the non-theistic pulpit. Then the religion in all religions was a major emphasis; now the religion in all life. Then the religious implications of evolution were being considered; now the religious nature of all knowledge. Then social service was a challenge; now it is social science. Then the major sociological issue was the equitable treatment of labor; now it is the democratic control of industry. Then was preached primarily the spirit of good-will; now the technique of good-will. But these new issues must be met with the same breadth of understanding, the same determination and the same ability to achieve results that characterize our spiritual forebears.

For various reasons, either inhering in their traditions or environing situations, most institutions and journals cannot "come clean" on highly controversial subjects. It is the glory of this place to be committed by both tradition and current policy to the utmost freedom of inquiry, the clearest form of expression, and the most courageous positions. Such issues as economic justice, the outlawry of war, and international relations are at home in this place. Clearly there is good reason for a program of expansion that will enable us to increase in usefulness. Honoring those who have blazed the way, respecting all who for any reason "make haste slowly," let us drive on through to the front with the whole gospel of love and justice and sane social arrangements.

IV. Department of Adult Education

(1) Friday Morning Forum and Wednesday Evening Class

The years have gone by, nine of them to be exact, since a little group of ten women decided that they would like to have a Lincoln Centre activity based on a free platform guided by knowledge, wisdom and a sincere seeking after truth. Seven of them are still here: Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Nagely, Mrs. Neilson, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Randall, Miss Matilda Schaff and Mrs. Rosenfels.

They began with a venture of four lectures on the Sociology of Peace given by Professor Faris of the University of Chicago. Since

then other fine and interesting men and women have come before them. Audiences have been of all sizes and types and through fair weather and some very bad weather, we have met on Friday mornings.

The continuity of the work, the desire for the keenest intellectual material, have built up a group that is not to be surpassed in Chicago. We have achieved something on Friday mornings that is a matter of spirit. We call it a Forum and it is, but it has a great plus due to L. C.

In January, 1929, Alain Lacke, Scott Nearing, Ferdinand Schevill, Franklin Frazier and Harry Overstreet came to us. It is easy to read these names, but the reading does not tell the wealth of material these men brought.

On February 15 a Lincoln Centre teacher came back from China, Benjamin March, and talked to us on "Art as the Mirror of Chinese Culture."

Samuel Guy Inman, Paul Jones, our dearly beloved Max Otto of Wisconsin, a remarkable exchange Polish professor, Roman Dyboski, Roger Baldwin, Maud Slye and Curtis Reese finished the year.

We opened in October, 1929, with a young laborite, John Dugdale, charming, but so young he could not realize that his audience had lived. Everett Dean Martin, Paul Douglas, A. Eustace Haydon, Ferdinand Schevill, E. C. Lindeman, Mordecai Johnson, all intellectual giants and men of fine spirit, took us up to Christmas.

Scott Nearing in January, 1930, told us "What Ailed the Farmer," Dr. Freehof gave a clean and fair exposition of the Palestinian situation, and T. V. Smith of the University of Chicago asked us to make our own philosophy of life.

Next we shall have Harry Overstreet on the Meaning and Possibilities of Adult Education.

We are going along comfortably financially. We are coming out about even, but we shall probably give a benefit to have money to begin with in the fall.

In November and December the Adult Education Council of Chicago, cooperating with Lincoln Centre, sponsored Melville J. Herskovitz, Professor of Anthropology at Northwestern in six lectures on the American Negro. These dealt with African Origin: Early Days in America: The Negro and Race Crossing: Cultures in Africa and America: Future of the Negro in America. Mrs. Jones served dinner before the lecture. This made an excellent opportunity

for white and colored friends to come together. The audience was composed of intelligent white and colored people who found most valuable material in the lectures of Herskovitz.

Mrs. Helen Rosenfels.

(2) Tuesday Evening Class

The objective of the Lincoln Centre Study Class is the pursuance of a curriculum of studies in the various fields of Social Science, in Philosophy, in History and Literature. The group represents a body of earnest adult students, who, after the day's pressure of business and household responsibilities, congregate for the purpose of widening their scope of knowledge.

The initial course this season was a series of ten lectures on the subject of "The Conflict Between Science and Religion," given by Doctor Edwin Arthur Burtt, Professor of Philosophy, University of Chicago. This course comprised a comprehensive, an exhaustive survey, a research in the contributions made by, the methods employed, and the manner in which Science and Religion have functioned to meet great human needs. The last lecture of the series was devoted to a consideration of Personal Religion, after which the class adjourned for the seasonal holidays.

The next course will be a series of four lectures by Professor Robert Morss Lovett, of the University of Chicago, on the subject of "Leading Types in Fiction."

Adult education is one of the great social movements of our time. This is the second year that the adult education class has been functioning. May we hope for a spirit of cooperation and encouragement in this endeavor, which, in a small way, aims to meet a great human need.

Mrs. Rose L. Davidson.

V. Department of Religious Education

The aim of the Religious Education Department of Abraham Lincoln Centre is to link up what is essential in the spirit of religion with the problems of everyday life. "Character is very largely the result of the way we respond to the world about us; including our fellow human beings."

In the Primary department the background of the experience of the child is, in great measure, limited to the family as a social group, the mother, father, and other members of the household and later a circle of relatives and friends. In recognizing this our first course is called "Living Together." It deals with the efforts of

individuals to adjust themselves to a primary social group. All the activities of the teachers and children such as games, handwork and stories, are planned to contribute to this end "Living Together." The stories that are used encourage cooperation, kindliness, sympathy, faithfulness, self-reliance, etc.

As the world expands in the experience of the child the scope of our material gradually widens. By the use of story, biography, and projects we consider some of the problems of society today, our attitudes toward children of different lands and different races, and then the relationship of national groups and seriously consider how to bring about peace.

Most psychologists and parents tell us that it is not, generally speaking, until Junior High or with the beginning of the miracle of adolescence that children begin to reflect about themselves, and their place in the whole scheme of things. It is at this time that youth becomes interested in the opposite sex, and as he develops in experience, in social life and travel, his universe enlarges. So it is that at this period we start our study of the biography of man—his home, distant relatives, the fish, amphibian, huge reptiles with the little brains, and our closer relatives the monkeys and apes. Then we discuss the life of the earliest men that made their homes in the cold dark caves. We try to imagine how they slowly and painfully learned to make the things that we take so much for granted today.

The aim of this course is to deepen the sense of the mysteries of life, and to appreciate more keenly the struggle of man against the blind forces of nature, in his effort to create a satisfying life here on his planet-home. And it is in the study of these early men that we see and discuss the first evidences of religion.

The Story of Man Course then is a good background for the Senior Discussion Group. The general scheme in this group is to review all of the religious activities of the human animal from the dawn of time up to the present.

In the more orthodox church schools the Senior group often has mission study classes wherein they learn a great deal about the religions of China, Japan, India, and other countries. While in some liberal church schools there is a course on the study of religions. Our plan is to study the different religions along with their civilizations. All aspects of life are interrelated and the religion of a people cannot be fully appreciated or understood without knowing something of their culture.

Mrs. Marjorie Bragg.

VI. Department of Dramatics

The function of any dramatic group is the main point of interest in making an examination of its work. Perhaps the best way to consider its function is to recall the three independent origins of the little theatre movement.

In the late nineties in a California mining camp Mary Austin gathered a group of miners and residents together and in a crude fashion they attempted everything from Shakespeare's plays to the melodramas so popular at the time. A little later in the North Dakota farming region Raymond Koch began his interesting work among the farmers' wives in an attempt to reduce the alarming outbreaks of insanity which were occurring. And then in New York City, a group of young writers and actors gathered together to establish the Washington Square Theatre. Mary Austin's California experiment functioned as a simple type of group activity—for the entire population was generally drafted as actors. Dr. Koch's traveling theatre in the Dakotas was a sociological experiment attempting to lessen a genuine social menace by introducing some form of enjoyment and entertainment into the limited farm life of the period. Its activities were based on the needs of the audience. The Washington Square Theatre was formed for an aesthetic purpose, to give young actors and playwrights who found the commercial theatre too confining, too disinterested in creating a flexible art, an outlet for their talents.

That these were genuine and necessary functions which achieved their purpose is evident. The artistic triumphs of the modern commercial theatre are largely the result of the little theatre movement.

The use of simple dramatic entertainment in localities where the outlook is limited by the surroundings has been successful in bringing about social improvement. And the development and use of amateur theatricals in schools and settlements has been proved to be a stimulating, pleasurably beneficial activity.

In Lincoln Centre in the Dramatic Club my purpose is to teach these young people a simple form of activity which is stimulating in the best ways and which they can learn to carry on by themselves. The hope of offering more than a forced type of entertainment to the neighborhood in these days of excellent moving pictures which are far more in touch with their lives is very slim with the present equipment. These are not wayward nor psychopathic young people. Therefore the most effective result for the material at hand will be to teach them an enjoyable activity which they can conduct and develop themselves.

In choosing for our first group of plays a real melodrama, a farcical comedy, and a comedy of type characters, the broad outlines of

the dramatic field have been sketched for them to familiarize themselves with.

For the Tuesday evening class which is designed for an older group who are already familiar with the dramatic field, the plan has been to study briefly and concretely by class reading and performance, the main outlines of dramatic history, the development of the theatre and the play, in order to cultivate a more intelligent understanding of drama as such, and with a view to performing in as fine and complete a way possible a modern play at the close of the year. This play will have as its basis a term's study of the growth of the drama which has finally produced the modern play form so closely associated with group life.

MARY HUNTER.

VII. Department of Arts and Crafts

The organization of the Domestic Science classes into clubs has been the main work done in the department during the months from October to January. An attempt has been made to replace a large amount of the cooking and sewing with work which would awaken an interest in an increased appreciation for the fine arts. The projects for the clubs were planned according to the interest and capacity of each group. For the younger girls, the work was an indirect preparation for the direct study of art taken up by the older girls.

The work was divided into approximately three units. The first, for the Lower Junior girls from 6 to 9 years, was planned especially to encourage originality and increase the imagination. The girls in this group spent some time cutting from colored paper fantastic shapes which they arranged and pasted according to their own ideas of design. Interesting but not finished products resulted. The Lower Junior girls voted to organize as "The Raggedy Ann Doll Club," and decided to have monthly dues of 20c, an amount sufficient to pay for materials and small party expenses. Some club meetings were spent in sewing quilts and clothing for the dolls.

The second unit of work, for the Upper Junior girls between the ages of 9 and 12, was planned to give some idea of harmony in color. The project was to make cook-books. Each girl selected her own color scheme, and planned her own book. The Upper Juniors organized as "Aunt Sally's Cooking Club." The work alternated; one week the girls cooked, and the next week worked on their books. A tea was given for which the group planned and made the decorations and refreshments as well as furnishing the entertainment. The work was done by committees chosen according to the interests of the girls.

The third unit, for the intermediates, a group of girls from 12 to 16 years was meant to give direct appreciation and understanding

of art by studying types of painting and handcraft. This group organized as "The Brush and Palette Club," and voted to have dues of 25c a month. The girls made clay wall-plaques and decorative designs used on Christmas boxes. The work in design was to furnish ideas for ivory-soap carving. An interesting trip was taken to the Art Institute where the girls saw artists at work. Most fascinating to the group was sculpturing and modernistic painting. Later, the girls visited Abbott's Art Store where they acquainted themselves with the various art materials.

These three units of work were planned to furnish opportunity for individual expression, but at the same time to impress the idea of cooperation. The club plan aided greatly in helping each girl to understand that she was a part of a group which could produce good work only by means of her best effort and cooperation.

MARGARET EMDE.

VIII. Department of Music (Margaret C. and Mary V. V. Pinckney Endowment)

(1) VOICE

Music is liked throughout the world; but the elimination of the faulty, the process of replacement, and the development of appreciation is an unending task for the music educator.

The work of the past year divides into three groups: the class schedules, the public performances at Lincoln Centre, and the outside activities.

Six singing classes for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Boys and Girls, three groups of Toy Symphony Players, and one Senior Orchestra meet each week.

The joy of preparing musical numbers is increased a hundredfold if others can hear, so with the assignment of new material, one inevitable question follows, and that is "Will we do it on the stage?" Thus during the past year the music classes have looked out over the footlights frequently.

The Senior Orchestra furnished music for all plays and entertainments. The Toy Symphony and Singing Classes assisted in the various piano recitals, and also Vodvil Nite. The Senior Glee Clubs, uniting forces, presented "The Toreadors" a comic opera in three acts. The children's operetta, "A Trip to Europe" was given before Christmas and despite the raging blizzard outside not one of the cast of thirty-five was absent when the curtains parted. Are they not soldiers of the stage? And tonight the stage is set for a modern operetta, "She Stoops to Conquer," which will be given tomorrow night by the combined Glee Clubs.

The outside activities include the appearance of the Senior Orchestra on one of the evening programs given in connection with the Better Homes Conference held at the La Salle Hotel last Spring; the bringing of the South Side Settlement Music Contest to Lincoln Centre, and the joy of having one of our senior girls place first in the piano contest, thus appearing as soloist at the Intersettlement Spring Festival held at the Opera Club in May; likewise through choice the Toy Symphony was placed on the same program.

Three students from the American Conservatory of Music have been assisting during the last four months. With this objective, the classes continue:

"That each heart may attune its strings to music,
And on rhythmical waves ere long
Sail far from the depths of discordant sorrows,
Into a life that is happy with song."

GERTRUDE MCMANUS.

(2) PIANO

The purpose of the piano department is to give private instruction at a nominal fee. Each pupil is entitled to one-half hour lesson a week for twenty-five cents.

Three days a week are devoted to private instruction.

A music club called the B Sharp Club was formed and met on Saturday afternoons.

Three piano recitals assisted by the vocal classes were given during the year.

Four scholarships were presented last June for the following year.

The enrollment of the classes up to June 1 was 56 pupils. Beginning October 1st to date, an enrollment of 40.

The teachers who faithfully gave their time were Marie Reese, Virginia Jensen and Gertrude McManus. Our teachers beginning this year are Mr. Hans Jorgenson, and Miss Thelma Brown.

HELEN NAGELY.

IX. Department of Recreation

(1) BOYS' DIVISION

The game room, along with other departments of Lincoln Centre, builds character. It teaches the boy to play fair with his opponent It gives the boy a large appreciation of games. It brings forward the

backward boy by allowing him to show his ability in the game. And, it gives the boy a wholesome way to spend his leisure time.

The boys' program is divided into three periods, the fall, the winter, and the spring periods. This gives the boys a chance to cover a larger variety of games and thus keep him from becoming tired of one type. Their classes are divided into two major groups, the juniors, and the seniors and intermediates. Each group has a separate program according to the boys' ages.

The fall program for the older boys was a series of tournaments lasting each over a period of two weeks. At the end of each period the champion of that game had his name placed upon a shield as an award for his achievement. The boys worked on these games and many boys came from back ranks to be unexpected champions.

The junior class was divided into three teams with one of each group chosen as the leader. The boys worked together to gain points for their team. These boys learned group co-operation and did splendid work under their leaders. The boys ended the contest with a banquet in honor of the winning team.

During the winter quarter, the boys start a new series of tournaments and games. The older groups will have "doubles" tournaments. Here, the boys will learn to work with a team mate. The junior boys will learn to play new games each period. They will also make trips to outside institutions, skating and sliding. The senior boys are also planning a winter sports program of skating, skiing and tobogganing.

In the spring both groups will have a new contest each week. At the end of the period the boy having the greatest number of points won in the contests will be the all around champion of his class.

The game room is well equipped this year. A golf game has been put in for those who play or wish to learn the game. Two horseshoe courts have been put in. Ping pong has become a favorite game. Two pool tables are being used by the older boys. Besides these major games many table games have been added. Many of these games have been supplied by Lincoln Centre friends. The boy is made responsible for these games. Each boy signs for his game as he takes it out. This puts him directly responsible for all breakage or loss. This system gives the boy a sense of responsibility for those things entrusted to his care.

The boy in his game is learning to play fair and square and at the same time be a good sportsman whether he loses or wins.

WALTER I. NIELSEN.

(2) Girls' Division

The activities of Lincoln Centre, including hikes, out-of-door adventures, parties, dances, bazaars, holiday programs, public demonstrations of girls' work, and money raising performances for the benefit of Lincoln Centre Camp, together with the daily programs of classes, are all directed toward developing those qualities essential to a well-balanced human being. It is true these classes and various activities function in a well organized way with the faithful help and generous instruction of the volunteer teachers from the Chicago Normal School of Physical Education, and that they have a certain amount of material and recreational gain, but through them, during the adolescent and formative years of the girls' lives, is done important and lasting work in character building.

Before an institution can present the more cultural opportunities to the young people involved, there must be careful, painstaking development of character—giving to them a solid foundation upon which to build the super structure. When the basic qualities are cared for throughout the various stages of the girls' development, many new world's are open to them for conquest.

In this particular phase of girls' work the major efforts have been placed in the direction of the more personal, extending into the more intimate thoughts and parts of the girls' lives, developing and heading them toward a higher and more well-balanced womanhood, through their living and working together in classes and activities, and getting the right point of view toward life as we try to present it at Lincoln Centre.

The Girl Scouts, Brownies, and girls' clubs are doing valuable work in bringing about social development as well as higher ideals and standards toward which to strive—showing progress through the practical application and demonstration of the factors involved.

In addition to the regular activities, social and otherwise, the Worker has a Sunday afternoon discussion group composed of older girls who are somewhat serious minded and greatly interested in the Centre.

This group holds its informal weekly meeting as sort of an "open house" affair of purely voluntary character. The discussions aim to secure a better understanding of people, their thoughts and ideals—in short, a life more deeply thought about, more intensely realized.

The activities of the past year's work have been varied and appear to have been well suited to the desires and demands of the girls. One of the most outstanding events was the Vodvil Night held March fifteenth for benefit of Lincoln Centre Camp.

Every available talent was utilized, and in spite of the evening being one of down-pouring rain, financially Vodvil Night was a success. The receipts of tickets sold by girls plus those of the door came to over one hundred dollars. To this was added the seventy dollars received by Mrs. Jones in her annual distribution of tickets, giving us the net receipts of one hundred and seventy dollars.

During the summer it has been the Worker's privilege to continue working with the girls at Lincoln Centre Camp, where living together and seeing the real individuals actively at work in the great out-of-doors, inspires one to go onward in the glorious adventure of working with girls, and trying to prevail upon them to be true to Mr. Jones' statement in *Life's Commission*: "If one would do his work, he must be true to himself. Then no time, no opposition, defeat, or unpopularity can crush either him or his work."

IRENE M. CRAMER.

X. Department of Athletics

The aim behind all the activities of Abraham Lincoln Centre is to promote and develop personality and character in boys and girls who come here for education and recreation.

The gymnasium has proven an effective classroom for the education of character. Character is produced here mainly through the medium of sportsmanship. Here we have games of skill and accuracy; contests of strength and courage, and a boy, in the course of his class activities, is being judged and measured by his instructor and his fellow classmates, and realizes that he is being judged, and in this realization will in all probability strive to do that which is right in the eyes of those about him.

The gymnasium of the Centre is being used to the fullest extent. Senior and junior classes are full almost to capacity. We have a monthly attendance in some classes that somewhat exceeds that of the last few years.

Activity in the junior class is devoted largely to group games, tumbling, calisthenics, and relay games. Intermediate and senior activities at this time of the year in particular, are taken up largely with basketball, though tumbling, apparatus work, fencing and boxing find a place in the class hours.

Though our basketball team is entered in no leagues this year, we have played several independent games and plan on several others during the month of February. In addition, our basketball team has

benefited greatly in confidence and appearance since it has been presented with uniforms bearing the Lincoln Centre colors and letters.

During February, considerable time will be spent in preparation for Vaudeville night which will probably be held some time in March. The friends and parents of members are asked to attend this affair which is representative of all Lincoln Centre classes and activities.

ELWOOD J. STENBOM

XI. Department of Social Service

(1) AT LINCOLN CENTRE

This department attempts to inform this community of the advantages and possibilities of Lincoln Centre, of chances for development of mind and body which are offered in this building with a group of workers who are honest and sincere as well as capable. Also it aims to make the new workers acquainted with the individuals who make up our enrollment; the homes they come from, the family relationships, their connection with the Centre. For friendship is offered here as well as instruction.

The neighborhood paper *The Oakland Outlook* has been most generous to us, and several good editorials and each week our column of Lincoln Centre notes have been most helpful.

Calls are made in the homes and many people are interviewed in the office. Our calls for help are varied. Surprising probably, but few people ask for financial aid. Persons wanting employment or a chance for education, lonely people looking for fellowship; worried parents seeking help with the problems of their children, are some of the problems that come to us every day.

Christmas time brings its own kind of need which is met about the same way each year. The same good friends give us money, and the chance to spend it in the wisest way. The *Herald-Examiner* furnished us with almost enough Christmas baskets, and there was plenty of candy and refreshments for all the parties around the big Christmas tree.

Our friends keep us in mind the year round and send us their old clothing which is sometimes given away, but more often sold very reasonably at rummage sales. The proceeds make up a fund which can be used for emergency relief work, and furnishes many comforts for several old people who are our special protegeés.

The members of the Mothers' Club do much to make these rummage sales successful, and as they have adopted the camp as their

special interest, the ninety dollars which was cleared at the sale in the spring was given to the camp.

The Mothers' Club holds two meetings each month, one devoted to business and serious discussion, and one to sociability and fun. Some of these social meetings have been away from the Centre. Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Stahl, both opened their homes to the Club for afternoon parties. A luncheon in a downtown restaurant, followed an interesting and instructive trip through the Federal Reserve Bank, and one day was spent exploring Chinatown with a Chinese luncheon and a visit to their beautiful Joss-House. The year's program ended with a big family Christmas party. The worker is president of the Mothers' Club, and with Miss Clotee Scott acts as program committee for the Better Housewives' Club, another organization of women most dear to her heart. Mrs. Isabelle Johnson is president of this group and will make her own report.

Last spring for ten weeks a child study class was held in this room for interested mothers under the auspices of the Central and Stockyards Districts of the United Charities. The speakers were furnished by the Chicago Child Study Association.

The annual Mothers and Daughters Dinner last spring with an attendance of one hundred, the big Vodvil Nite which filled the auditorium, and our May Festival all connect with other departments, but the whole work is so interwoven, and such satisfactory cooperation has been achieved that it is difficult to see where one department ends and another begins.

The worker takes this opportunity to thank the staff and all who have helped make possible another year's work.

(2) At Lincoln Centre Camp

Several serious difficulties faced us at the beginning of camp this year. First, the Chicago, Milwaukee Railroad after many years of carrying our campers free of charge, found it necessary to charge us a low rate for transportation of all children who were not actual charity cases. Most of the children managed to pay the extra charge, some were aided from camp funds, and some were carried free as charity cases. Another year, by planning ahead, the extra expense can be added to the camp fee. This will mean a more careful saving of money by those children who save for camp, and will, no doubt, add greatly to the value of the camp for them. As always, Lincoln Centre will not keep a child from camp for lack of money.

The next difficulty—our little lake always so well behaved, overflowed its banks, flooding our campus, destroying several lovely trees, and causing serious inconvenience by caving-in our dry well,

partly disabling our sewer system for the entire summer. The water receded, but not enough to enable us to repair our tennis court or to get rid of the mosquitos which bothered us all season. Our water supply was not affected, and our well passed the usual high test. Aside from these little troubles, Camp was able to give 223 girls and boys a happy wholesome vacation of 12 to 14 days each.

Mr. Jefferson was away, and his place was taken by Mr. James McConnell who was a most efficient swimming instructor and lifeguard. Miss Cramer handled the girls' activities in her usual capable way, assisted during two girls' camps by Miss Estelle Hale who gave her services to teach handwork. As a result the camp is supplied with new dressing shelf covers, and hot dish-holders, all made by the girls. Too much cannot be said of the unselfish work of the leaders who are usually recruited from our volunteer workers at the Centre. Even the cooks catch the helpful spirit which prevails, and the two fine women we had this year had an interest in each child.

Every camper does two hours' work each day, and with so many willing workers everything is clean and orderly.

Our program of handwork, games, swimming, and life saving, boating, hiking, nature study and pioneering, makes each day a busy one. The evenings are usually planned by the campers, and parties, treasure hunts, and stunt nights are features of each camp. Much singing is done and many new songs are added to our camp song book by each group. This collection we hope to publish some time for the joy of all campers.

We have always hoped for more visits from Lincoln Centre friends who could see for themselves the operation of the camp and help us with suggestions. Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Nagely, Mrs. Kuhns and Miss Schaff made a short visit while the older boys were in camp, and during the younger girls' camp Mrs. Funk a member of the camp committee was our guest. Mr. Babcock, our committee member from Milton was a frequent visitor always ready to lend a hand.

The townspeople are friendly and interested in our activities and each stunt night is attended by an appreciative audience.

The camp is well worth all of the hard work and money which are put into it. In no other part of Lincoln Centre work are the hopes and aims of our great founder better realized.

Mrs. H. S. Ayres

XII. Unity

Another year has come and gone, marking the end of fifty-two years of Unity's active life; a fraction of a day in the sight of the Lord but a long time in the life of a liberal [illegible]

uphold its banner through a period marked by a world war, orthodoxy, Ku Kluxism and fundamentalism.

Our Editor in Chief, Mr. Holmes, has met the issues and problems of the day with that clearness of vision and the indomitable courage that characterizes all that he does. His editorials have been a constant source of enlightenment and inspiration to the readers of UNITY.

We have had much of world wide interest in our pages. November 25th last marked the completion of Gandhi's Autobiography, which we have had in weekly portions since April 5th, 1926, three and a half years. We have had many articles on international questions, the British Labor Party, Russia, India, the London Naval Conference, and generally on World Peace. Some new and distinguished foreign correspondents have been added to our list.

There are forthcoming five articles on Russia by Anna Louise Strong beginning February 24th. And at least one great feature in the publication of a series of weekly articles containing valuable material on literary, ethical and religious subjects from the unpublished work of Leo Tolstoy. These manuscripts are now being edited and printed by the Soviet Government in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the birth of that perhaps greatest of all liberal geniuses of the nineteenth century. The book which Mr. Holmes has secured for publication in UNITY is one in which Tolstoy set down each day his passing thoughts on immediate questions and on the basic problems of man's life. These thoughts are of an intimate character and of profound interest. Interspersed are impressive quotations from famous writers, ancient and modern, which chanced to appeal to Tolstoy's mind. The result is a revelation of the soul of Tolstoy. The series will run for several months and will be a worthy successor to the Gandhi Autobiography.

We are to have also a series of parables on War and Peace from the pen of our editor in chief, Mr. Holmes.

We closed the past year, 1929, with a deficit of about the same size as that with which we began the year, which means that we have met our current expenses for the last twelve months.

But we must increase the number of our subscribers. UNITY goes into every State in the Union and across the seven seas into twenty-two foreign lands. Having such an abundance of testimony from our readers to the effect that it is a courageous and inspiring champion of Liberty and brotherhood, of freedom of thought and religion, and of free speech, of protest against wrong; and a powerful weapon in defense of all those lofty ideals and principles for which

it was founded; that it stands for progress and that process by which humanity is brought to its highest spiritual development, have we not the right to assume that our subscription list ought to be far larger than it is? We have twelve hundred and twenty-one paid subscribers, a meager number, entirely disproportionate to the merits of this brilliant periodical.

It is with sadness of heart that we contemplate the future without Mrs. Jones who is about to terminate her active relationship with UNITY and Lincoln Centre. UNITY will not seem the same without the faultless taste and literary effect of her matchless hand. We do not know what we shall do without her. But we are eternally grateful for her long years of loyalty and devotion, and the high standard she has set for us we shall strive to maintain.

MRS. SALMON O. LEVINSON

XIII. Attendance Chart

WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' DEPARTMENTS

	No. Classes	Enrollment W.	C.	Total	Calls	Visitors	Vol. Tchrs.	Attendance
Gymnasium	221	83	22	105	6	41	8	1,938
Piano Dept.	..	22	32	54	2	..	5	1,179
Dancing	118	81	22	103	..	18	4	1,754
Cooking	89	26	14	40	..	..	3	525
Sewing	58	16	12	28	..	..	3	362
Scouts & Brownies	36	32	..	32	12	4	..	1,112
Mothers' Club	16	48	..	48	4	3	..	612
Housewives' Club	17	..	45	45	20	5	..	433
Story Hour	23	25	22	47	..	75	..	1,084
Girls' Clubs	63	32	11	43	..	10	3	841
Supper Club	16	12	..	12	..	..	..	135
Dressmaking Club	10	15	..	15	..	..	1	70
Junior Dramatics	20	18	..	18	..	..	..	226
Handcraft	10	10	..	10	3	..	1	62
Library Club	25	16	19	35	..	..	..	495
Telephone Girls' Club	22	18	..	18	..	..	..	426
Eastman-Dillon Girls' Club	16	15	..	15	..	..	..	176
Scouts—Caroling Party	1	22	..	22	..	..	..	22
Theatre Party	1	9	..	9	..	..	..	9
Cooking Demonstration	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Dance—Chi Gamma	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	85
Athletic Demonstrations	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	185
Camp Reunions	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	46
Picnics & Parties	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	545
TOTALS	780	500	199	699	47	156	28	12,342

MEN'S AND BOYS' DEPARTMENTS

Gymnasium	348	57	18	75	..	176	..	3,779
Games	235	37	18	55	..	52	1	1,768
Basket Ball	13	20	20	40	..	..	..	415

	No. Classes	Enrollment W.	C.	Total	Calls	Visitors	Vol. Tchrs.	Attendance
Clubs	29	15	10	25	..	..	..	382
Piano Dept.	..	4	4	8	..	..	..	145
Parties, Hikes, etc.	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	57
TOTALS	629	133	70	203	..	208	1	6,546
JOINT ACTIVITIES								
Chorus Work	133	32	14	46	..	..	2	1,608
Orchestra & Toy Symphony	73	20	12	32	..	..	1	1,011
Study Class—Wednesday	13	35	..	35	..	18	..	229
L. C. Players—Rehearsals	49	23	..	23	..	28	1	489
L. C. Players—Meetings	63	25	..	25	..	..	..	857
L. C. Players—Plays	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	435
L. C. Players—Parties	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	125
Adult Ed. Group—Mtgs.	9	30	20	50	..	..	..	420
Adult Ed. Group—Dinners.	9	20	..	20	..	..	..	183
Christmas Operetta	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	60
Christmas Parties	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	63
Recitals	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	230
Dance	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	125
Vodville Nite	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	104
TOTALS	370	185	46	231	..	46	4	5,919
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES								
Welfare Dept.	..	..	..	..	81	172	..	172
Library	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57,644
Friday Forum & Luncheon.	23	135	..	135	..	..	..	2,748
S. S. Business Men's Mtgs.	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	790
Political Meetings	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,135
S. S. Athletic Club	22	30	..	30	..	..	..	505
Lincoln Centre Annual Dnr.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	150
Religious Liberl Luncheon.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	100
Memorial Ser.—Julia Loeb.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
Unitarian Yg. Pls. Dance	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	80
Opera Club Contest	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	54
May Festival Performances	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	330
House Meetings	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	60
Oakland Bus. Men's Mtgs.	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	190
TOTALS	98	165	..	165	81	172	..	64,008
GRAND TOTALS	1,877	983	315	1,298	128	582	53	88,815

CATHERINE GAVIN, *Statistician.*

ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE

Articles of Association

STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
JAMES A. ROSE, Secretary of State

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, A CERTIFICATE, duly signed and acknowledged, has been filed, in the office of the Secretary of State, on the 2nd day of March, A.D. 1907, for the organization of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE, under and in accordance with the provisions of "AN ACT CONCERNING CORPORATIONS," approved April 18, 1872, and in force July 1, 1872, and all acts amendatory thereof, a copy of which certificate is hereto attached:

NOW THEREFORE, I, JAMES A. ROSE, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE is a legally organized corporation under the laws of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State. Done at the City of Springfield [Seal] this 2nd day of March, A. D. 1907, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-first.

(Signed) JAMES A. ROSE,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
COUNTY OF COOK } SS.

To the Honorable James A. Rose, Secretary of State:

We, the undersigned, Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Blewett Lee, and William C. Boyden, citizens of the United States, propose to form a corporation, not for pecuniary profit, under an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, entitled "An Act Concerning Corporations," approved April 18, 1872, and all Acts amendatory thereof; and for the purpose of such organizations, we hereby state as follows, to-wit:

(1) The name of such corporation is THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE.

(2) The object for which it is formed is the advancement of the physical, intellectual, social, civic, moral and religious interests of humanity, irrespective of age, sex, creed, race, condition or political opinion, and in furtherance thereof the maintenance of institutions of learning and philanthropy.

(3) The management of the aforesaid corporation shall be vested in a Board of not to exceed fifteen (15) Trustees, which shall be elected each year. The number of Trustees constitute the Board and the mode of their election shall be governed by the By-Laws of the corporation to be enacted from time to time by the Board of Trustees. (As amended Dec. 3, 1925.)

(4) The following persons are hereby selected as Trustees, to control and manage said corporation for the first year of its corporate existence, to-wit: William Kent, Nathan B. Higbie, Lorenzo J. Lamson, Edward Morris, Charles L. Hutchinson, Julian W. Mack, John F. Holland, James P. Hall, Blewett Lee, Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Pastor of All Souls Church, and Ira N. Morris, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of All Souls Church.

(5) The location is at the northeast corner of the Oakwood Boulevard and Langley Avenue, in Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois.

JENKIN LLOYD JONES.
WILLIAM C. BOYDEN.
BLEWETT LEE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss.
COUNTY OF COOK }

I, Albert G. Miller, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that on this 27th day of February, A. D. 1907, personally appeared before me Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Blewett Lee, and William C. Boyden, to me personally known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing statement, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year first above written.

ALBERT G. MILLER,
Notary Public.

[Seal]

RULES
BY-LAWS

ART. I. *Members*—SECTION 1. This corporation shall consist of not to exceed sixty (60) members. The original members of this corporation shall be elected members by the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 2. Any vacancy which may at any time hereafter occur in the membership of the corporation, through death, resignation, inability to act, or any other cause whatsoever, shall be filled in the following manner, viz.: The Board of Trustees shall, by a majority vote, nominate in writing some person to fill such vacancy and such nomination in writing shall be presented to the members of the corporation, at its next annual meeting after the making thereof, or at any adjournment thereof, or at any special meeting of the members of the corporation called for such purpose, or at any adjournment thereof, and if the person so nominated shall thereupon be elected by the members of the corporation to fill such vacancy, he shall, upon such election and his acceptance thereof, become a member of the corporation. In case any person so nominated by the Board of Trustees to fill such vacancy shall be rejected by the members of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, by a majority vote, continue to make in the same manner further nominations in writing, until some person so nominated shall have been elected by the members of the corporation to fill such vacancy, and on such election and his acceptance thereof said person shall become a member of the corporation.

SEC. 3. A member who shall fail to attend two successive annual meetings of the corporation shall thereby cease to be a member of the corporation, but the Board of Trustees, by a majority vote, may reinstate such person in membership.

ART. II. *Trustees*—SECTION 1. All of the affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of fifteen (15) Trustees, who shall be elected as such Trustees by the members of the corporation, from among their own number, at the annual meeting of the members of the corporation (or some adjournment thereof), and said Trustees not acting *ex-officio* shall hold office for one year or until their successors have been duly elected.

SEC. 2. In case any vacancy in the Board of Trustees shall occur by reason of death, resignation, inability to act, or any other cause, such vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board of Trustees, at any general or special meeting. Any person chosen by the Board of Trustees to fill any such vacancy shall hold office until such vacancy shall have been filled by the members of the corporation at their annual meeting (or some adjournment thereof), or at a special meeting (or some adjournment thereof) of said members, called for the purpose of filling the same.

ART. III. *Meetings*—SECTION 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the members of this corporation held on the second Thursday in January in each year. The Board of Trustees at any special meeting may change the date of the annual meeting to any other date on written notice to the members of the corporation mailed at least three (3) days before the day of the proposed meeting. Special meetings of the members of the corporation may be called at any time by the President, on written notice to the members mailed at least two (2) days before the day of the meeting. Ten (10) members present, in person or by proxy, at any annual or special meeting of the members of the corporation shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the corporation.

SEC. 2. There shall be an annual meeting of the Board of Trustees held not later than 30 days following the annual meeting of the members of this corporation. Such annual meeting of the Board of Trustees may, by a majority vote of the Trustees present at such meeting, be adjourned to any date within one (1) month thereafter, without giving notice of such adjournment.

Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the President at any time on written notice to all the Trustees, mailed at least two (2) days before the day of such meeting. Five Trustees shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting of the Board of Trustees, for the transaction of any business.

SEC. 3. Less than a quorum of either the Board of Trustees or of the corporate members may meet and adjourn, either indefinitely, to a fixed date, or subject to the call of the President.

ART. IV. *Officers and Committees*—SECTION 1. At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees, or any adjournment thereof, the Board of Trustees shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

SEC. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members of the corporation and of the Board of Trustees, and shall be *ex-officio* member of all committees and sub-committees, with power to appoint a substitute *pro tem.* The President shall make a full report at the annual meeting of the members of the corporation upon the work of the Abraham Lincoln Centre during the preceding year.

SEC. 3. The Vice-President shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the President, in case of the President's absence or inability to act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary shall have the custody of all the books and papers of the corporation, and shall make and preserve complete records of all meetings of the members of the corporation and of the Board of Trustees, and shall perform all such other duties as may be required by the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and keep the funds of the corporation, and shall disburse the same, subject to the supervision of the Board of Trustees. His books shall be open at all times to the inspection of the Board of Trustees, or any person designated by them to examine the same. The Treasurer shall make a financial report at the annual meetings of the members of the corporation, and shall make such other reports from time to time to the corporation or the Board of Trustees as from time to time may be required by either of them.

ART. V. *Amendments*—These By-Laws and the Articles of Incorporation may be modified, altered or amended at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by majority of the whole Board of Trustees, *provided* notice of the proposed amendment shall have been mailed to all of the Trustees at least one (1) week prior to the day of such meeting.

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